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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

1. APPOINTMENT OF ABDUR RAHMAN PAZHWAK AS AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO INDIA ANNOUNCED SEPT. 28.

2. PAZHWAK HAS EARLY BACKGROUND IN JOURNALISM; HAS WORKED IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE 1946. HAS BEEN FREQUENT DELEGATE AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNGA AND UN COMMITTEES; PRESIDENT UNGA 1966. APPOINTED HEAD OF 1973 AFGHAN DELEGATION TO UNGA AND HEADED DELEGATION TO 1973 NONALIGNED NATIONS CONFERENCE WHERE HE MADE STRONG PRO-PUSHTUNISTAN SPEECH TO WHICH PAKISTAN MADE OFFICIAL PROTEST. SERVED IN AFGHAN EMBASSIES IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON, THREE WEEKS AGO PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS AS AMBASSADOR TO FRG.

3. PAZHWAK KNOWN AT UN IN PAST FOR BEING QUOTE HOT-HEADED, DOMINEERING, VERBOSE, CONCEITED, UNQUOTE, OFTEN ANTAGONIZED COWORKERS. CONSIDERED NEITHER PRO-WEST NOR PRO-COMMUNIST; INTELLIGENT, ABLE, AMBITIOUS. PAST STRONG SUPPORTER PUSHTUNISTAN, ANTI-MONARCHY AND CLOSE TO PM DAOUD.

4. PAZHWAK IS NOVELIST AND SUFI POET OF REPUTE. SPEAKS PERSIAN, PASHTO, FLUENT ENGLISH AND GOOD FRENCH.

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